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# BLERIOT VICTIM OF HERO WORSHIP

Public Clamor More Trying  
to Aviator Than Navi-  
gating the Air.

## HONORS AND MEDALS SHOWERED UPON HIM

Taft Witnesses Flight at Fort  
Myer—Wrights Do for Presi-  
dent What They Refused  
to Edward of England  
and Alfonso of  
Spain.

## Ready for Flight

CALAIS, July 27, 6 A. M.—Hubert Latif, the aeronaut, has been placed in position ready to make a flight across the English Channel at 5:15. The conditions are favorable.

LONDON, July 25.—Louis Blerie, the Frenchman, who made history yesterday by flying across the English Channel from Les Baraqueux to Dover, a distance of twenty-one miles, in the remarkable time of 157 little less than half an hour, and his famous little monoplane both reached London to-day, the former to receive the monetary fruits of his achievement.

The famous aviator is finding his workshop much more trying to endure than the strain of navigating the air. Remarkable scenes were again witnessed at Dover this morning when Blériot returned there to attend a civic reception in his honor. The Frenchman was mobbed by the enormous

his protection, so eager were the enthusiasts to greet him at close quarters.

"Blériot fever" seems to have seized a large part of the populace of London. Those unable to see the flyer himself had been besieging the store where he was to compare his monoplane is installed among other traveling relics, the machine being so small it looked like a large toy, rather than the practical flyer which enabled its daring pilot to carry out his epoch-making feat.

**Honors for Blériot.**

Numerous honors and medals awaited M. Blériot on this side of the channel, the principal prize being a gold cup offered by Captain Wyndham for the first flight across the English Channel, which was presented to him by the inventor at the Aerplane Club dinner, August 9.

Aeronautical experts here regard M. Blériot's feat as a vindication for the monoplane over the biplane. The

At a luncheon at his hotel he was presented with the \$5,000 prize won by him. He was handed the £1,000 bank notes in a splendid silver cup.

It was announced at the luncheon that the Aero Club of Great Britain had decided to present M. Bleriot with a gold medal similar to the one conferred on Wilbur and Orville Wright by the American aeronauts in London.

## WILD WITH ENTHUSIASM

All France Rejoices With National Pride Over Blieriot's Feat.

PARIS, July 26.—The whole of France is wild with enthusiasm over Louis Blieriot's feat in crossing the English Channel yesterday. All the newspapers are filled with dithyrambs which reflect the national pride.

planners of aviation like Ernest Archdeacon, Georges Boissin, René Quinton, Count Henri de La Vaulx and Henri Farman foresaw the time in the near future when heavier-than-air machines carrying passengers will negotiate the Mediterranean from France to Algeria and the possibilities of the aeroplane as an engine of war are discussed anew.

Interviewed regarding the Bleriot flight, Mr. Archdeacon said:

"I rejoice in the glory of France in the impetus given to the new French industries, and because I persuaded a

Count Henri de la Vaulx, while enthusiastic over Berliot's achievement, insisted that the inflated balloon must

**Legion of Honor for Wrights.**  
PARIS, July 26.—Orville and Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplaneists

ated with the Legion of Honor for their achievements in aviation. Harold O. Berg, the European business manager of the Wright Brothers, and Alberto Santos-Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut, were promoted to be officers of the Legion of Honor.

**Will Attempt Channel.**  
WISSANT, FRANCE, July 26.—Count

**In Air Eleven and One-Half Hours.**  
ST. LOUIS, MO., July 26.—The  
balloon, University City, in which John  
Berry, pilot, Paul J. McCullough and

cup. landed this morning at Savan